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TAGS: CGEN, EPAP, TU (NADIR, I. DERMAN)

1. NADIR I. DERMAN, TURKISH NATIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT OF U.S. HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN APPROACHING FISH AND WILDLIFE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE HIS REQUEST FOR A PERMIT TO IMPORT A LEOPARD, SPECIES PANTHERA PARDUS, INTO THE U.S. DERMAN WOULD PREFER KEEPING PET IN HOUSEHOLD BUT INTENDS TO TURN ANIMAL OVER TO BRONX ZOO.

2. RELATIVES IN U.S. HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BOTH FISH AND WILDLIFE OFFICE AND ZOO, AND HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT PROCESSING OF APPLICATION TAKES 60 DAYS. DERMAN, BECAUSE OF BUSINESS COMMITMENTS, MUST RETURN TO U.S. NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 18. HE DESIRES EITHER PERMIT OR INFORMATION THAT PERMIT WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN ORDER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEMPORARY CARE AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSPORTATION.

3. OUR IMPRESSION OF DERMAN IS THAT HE IS QUITE SINCERE IN THIS REQUEST AND NEITHER DESIRES NOR SEEKS PERSONAL GAIN FROM POSSESSION OF THE LEOPARD. THE ANIMAL WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CAPTIVITY AND APPEARS TO BE THOROUGHLY DOMESTICATED. SURVIVAL OF ANIMAL IF TURNED OVER TO LOCAL ZOO IS QUESTIONABLE.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONTACT MR. FRED BOLWAHN, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH CASE AND REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF APPLICATION WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT. ALSO, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AN INDICATION WHETHER OR NOT PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

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